the Directorate of Economics & Statistics and line Departments of States/ UTs and thirty five detailed Reports have been produced. In the second phase, the study would consolidate the specific requirements of each State for achieving a minimum standard for a common set of statistical output and evolve an action plan for implementation along with costing and other details.

(e) Does not arise.

Doubling of costs of projects

†3945. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of such under construction projects under different Ministries whose final cost of construction are estimated to double the cost of their sanctioned cost;

(b) the main reason of projects not getting completed in the prescribed time and according to the expectations;

(c) whether some steps are being taken to resolve these reasons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation monitors the implementation status of 860 central sector projects costing Rs. 20 crore and above for 16 core sectors only. As per the Database available with this Ministry, as on 1.1.2007, for 55 ongoing projects of various sectors, the anticipated costs are double or more than that of the original approved cost.

(b) The main reasons for delay include fund constraints, delay in land acquisition and rehabilitation, delay in award of contracts slow progress of construction by the contractors, law and order problems, delay in equipment supply, delay in Environment and other clearances, geological surprises, etc.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) and (d) The actions taken to ensure timely completion of these projects are as follows:

(i) adoption of two-stage clearance system and stricter appraisal of projects before investment approval;

(ii) taking up projects for implmentation only after funds have been fully tied up;

(iii) in-depth reveiw of projects on monthly and quarterly basis by the Government;

(iv) follow up with the State Governments in respect of problems relating to land acquisition, rehabilitation related issues and law and order at project sites;

(v) appointment of nodal officers for each project with continuity of tenure; and

(vi) issue of guidelines on standard bidding documents for adoption.

Construction of toilets in cities

3946. SHRI DWIJENDERA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Centrally sponsored urban sanitation programme for construction of latrine/toilets is being undertaken in the urban areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise/town-wise and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of funds allotted by Government for this purpose during the last three years, State-wise/town-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Auction of DDA flats

3947. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: